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MANUFACTURING INTEGRATED)
CIRCUIT DEVICES)

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 21, 2002 Technology Center 2100

To the Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

This is in response to the Office action mailed May
21, 2002, in the above-referenced application.

REMARKS

Claims 13-18 were pending in the application prior
to this response. Claims 13-18 remain in the application
unchanged. Reexamination and reconsideration are
requested.

I. Rejection of Claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a)

Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as
being clearly anticipated by Kimura (Japanese Patent No.
JP410004042A - Application No. JP08177051).
Reexamination and reconsideration of the Examiner's
rejection are requested.